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SUBJECT: MBFR: GERMAN-SOVIET CONSULTATIONS IN BONN-
TREATMENT OF MBFR

REF: MBFR VIENNA 0240

1. EMBOFF MET WITH FRG FONOFF MBFR DEPARTMENT HEAD RUTH
ON SEPTEMBER 19 ON MBFR MATTERS PRIOR TO THE BEGINNING
OF THE FOURTH ROUND NEXT WEEK. RUTH CONFIRMED GROMYKO
HAD SPOKEN OF "NEW SOVIET INITIATIVES" WITH
CHANCELLOR SCHMIDT. RUTH THEN PROVIDED US WITH HIS
PERSONAL ASSESSMENT WHICH MATCHED THAT OF BEHRENDS'.
THIS INTERPRETATION OF THE GROMYKO REMARK, I.E.,
A MORE EXPLICIT PRESENTATION OF THE SOVIET SYMBOLIC
REDUCTION PROPOSAL, WOULD APPEAR TO BE ACCEPTED IN
THE FONOFF.

2. RUTH'S COMMENTS ON THE NEGOTIATIONS CONTAINED NO
SURPRISES. HE BELIEVES AN ALLIED "WAIT AND SEE" POSTURE
IS BEST FOR THE MOMENT. ON ONLY ONE POINT DID HE SAY
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SOMETHING WHICH MIGHT PRESAGE A FUTURE DEBATE WITH THE

GERMANS. THIS CONCERNED THE POSSIBILITY OF INCLUDING
AIR MANPOWER IN THE COMMON CEILING, AN IDEA
WHICH RUTH PROFESSES NOT TO LIKE.
HILLENBRAND

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